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SUBJECT: VISA SUPPORT CASE OF PAVEL VOSICKY

REF: (A) 77 PRAGUE 3670; (B) STATE 145699

1. PAVEL VOSICKY CONTACTED HA ASSISTANT SECRETARY DERIAN ON JUNE 1 TO INFORM DEPARTMENT THAT HIS APPLICATION FOR ANOTHER VISA TO VISIT CZECHOSLOVAKIA IN ORDER TO SEE HIS DYING MOTHER WAS REJECTED BY THE CZECHOSLOVAK EMBASSY IN THE LAST WEEK OF MAY. DERIAN INFORMED VOSICKY THAT BOTH THE DEPARTMENT AND EMBASSY PRAGUE WOULD RAISE HIS CASE WITH CZECHOSLOVAK AUTHORITIES.

2. THIS WAS DONE BY THE COUNSELOR WITH AMBASSADOR JOHANES ON JUNE 7 (SEPTEL), AND BY EUR/EE DIRECTOR ANDREWS WITH DCM JUKAN ON JUNE 6 (REFTEL).

3. VOSICKY WORKED IN THE PRESIDENT'S CAMPAIGN AND IS CLOSE
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TO RAFSHOON. THERE IS WHITE HOUSE AND CONGRESSIONAL INTEREST IN HIS CASE. BOTH THE VICE PRESIDENT AND SENATOR HUMPHREY HAVE SENT LETTERS TO AMBASSADOR JOHANES.

4. WE ASK THAT EMBASSY PRAGUE AGAIN, AS IT DID LAST FALL,

RAISE THIS CASE ON A HUMANITARIAN AND HELSINKI FINAL ACT

BASIS WITH THE MFA. IT SEEMS TO US THAT A LOW-KEY
APPROACH, REFLECTING CZECHOSLOVAK COOPERATION LAST
DECEMBER, MIGHT WORK. VOSICKY WOULD LIKE TO REMAIN IN
CZECHOSLOVAKIA FOR AT LEAST TWO WEEKS AND WONDERS WHETHER,
AS A NEGOTIATING PLOY, IT MIGHT NOT BE BETTER AT FIRST
TO ASK FOR THREE WEEKS. VANCE

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